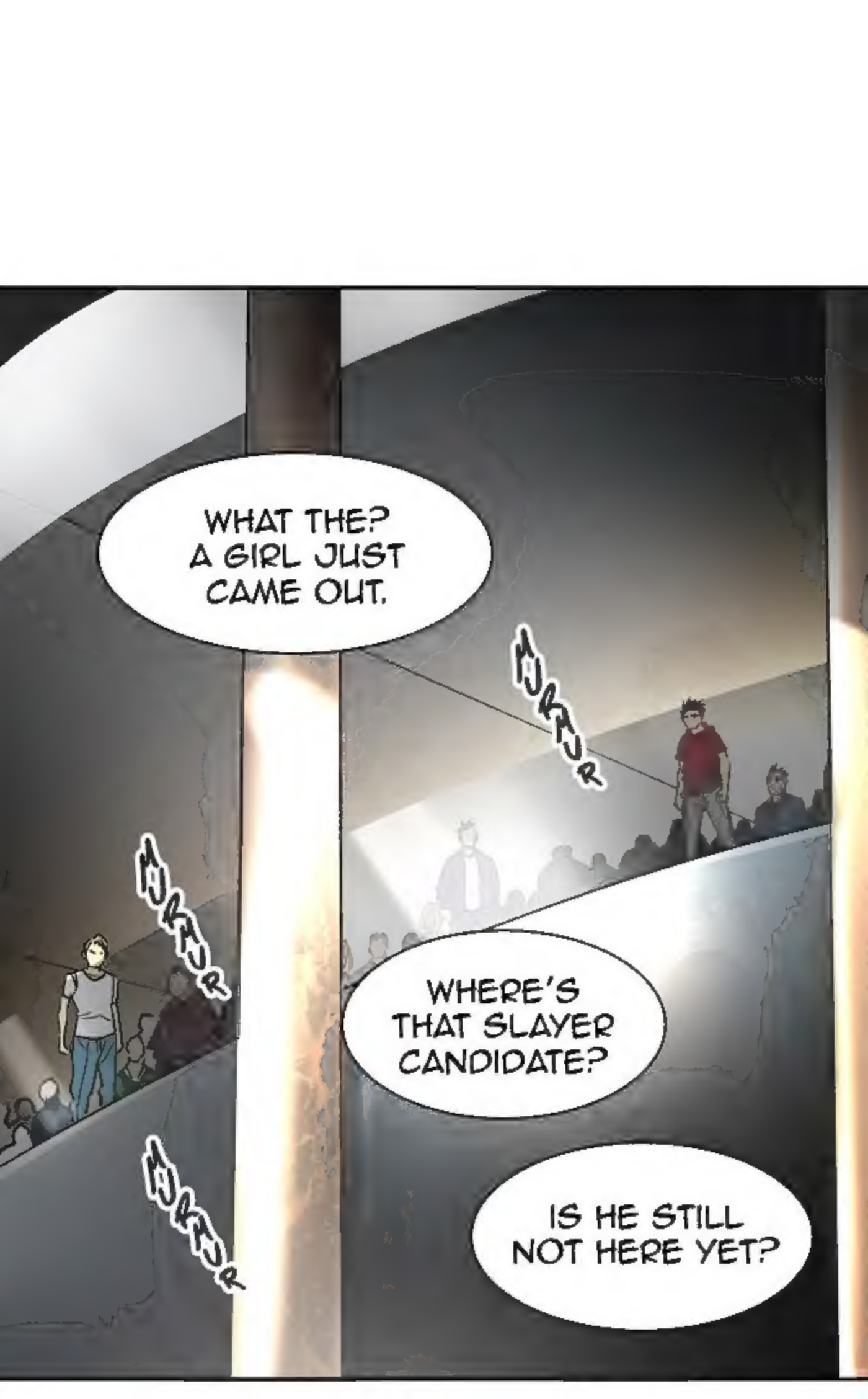


A comic panel depicting a scene in a dark, cavernous arena. A large, bright, vertical light source, possibly a fire or a powerful light beam, illuminates the center of the frame. In the background, a crowd of people is visible, some standing on a raised platform. A man in a red shirt and jeans is walking on the platform. A man in a dark jacket and white shirt is standing in the center of the crowd. The overall atmosphere is dark and mysterious.

WHAT THE?
A GIRL JUST
CAME OUT.

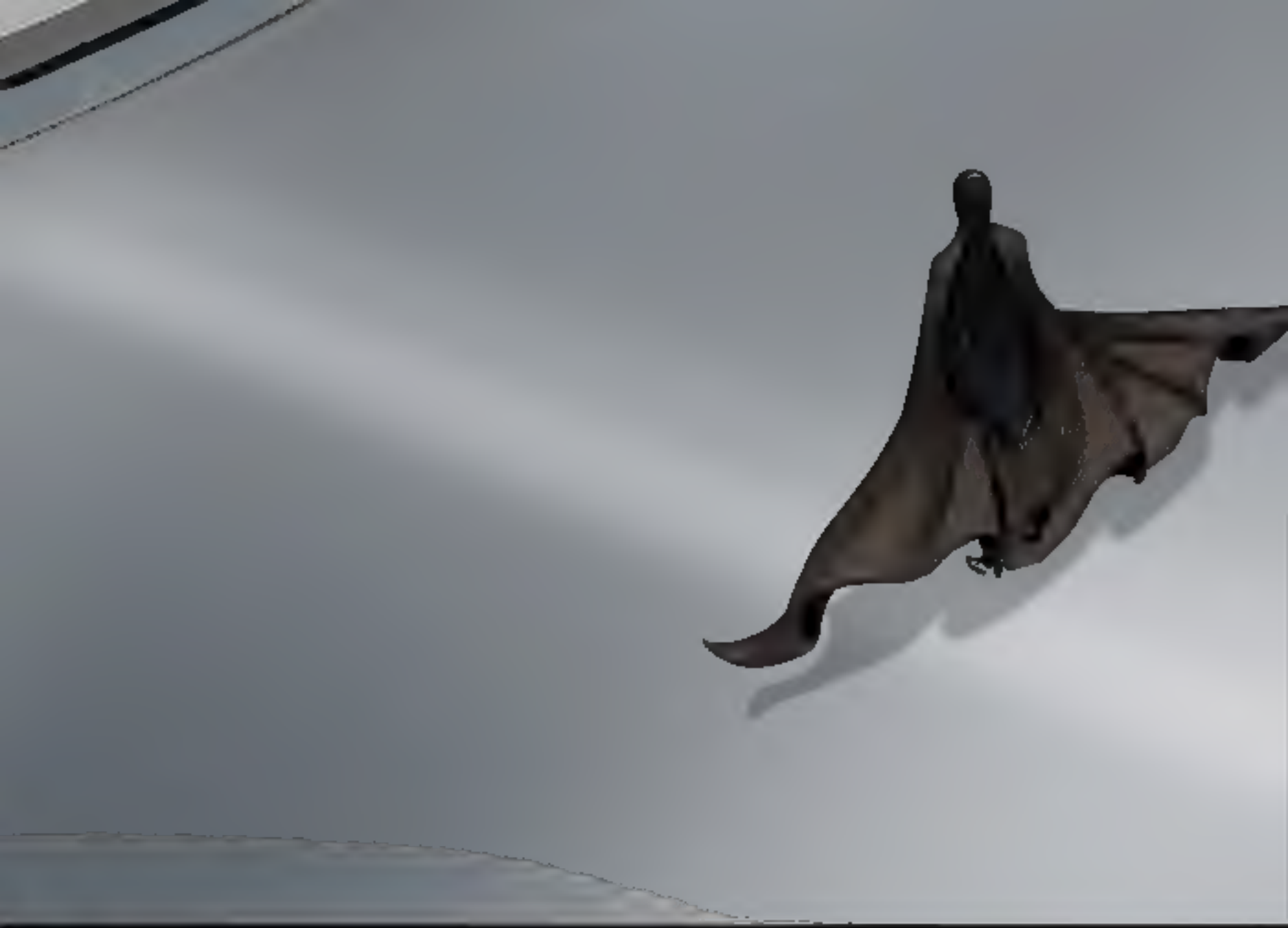
WARR

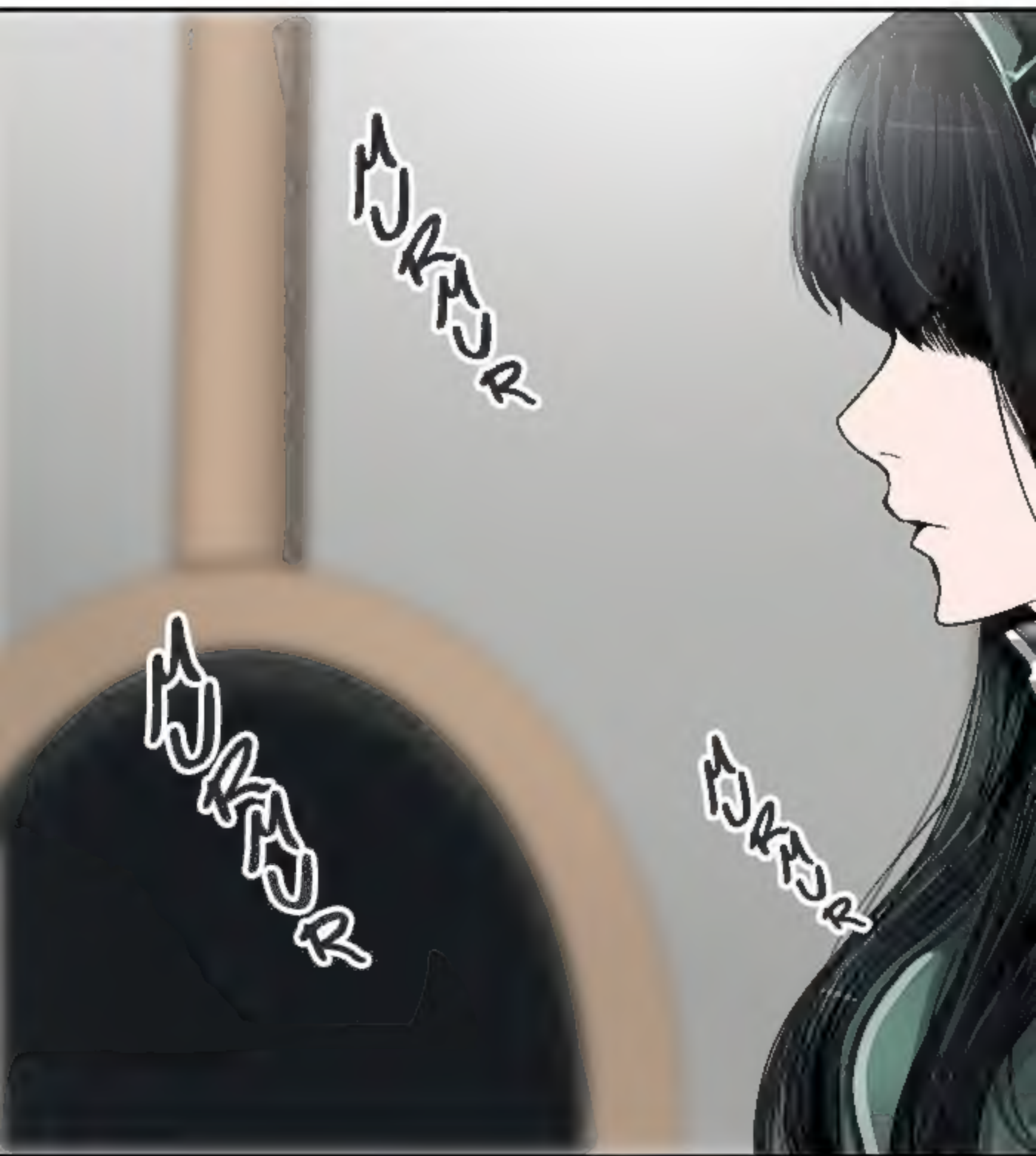
WHERE'S
THAT SLAYER
CANDIDATE?

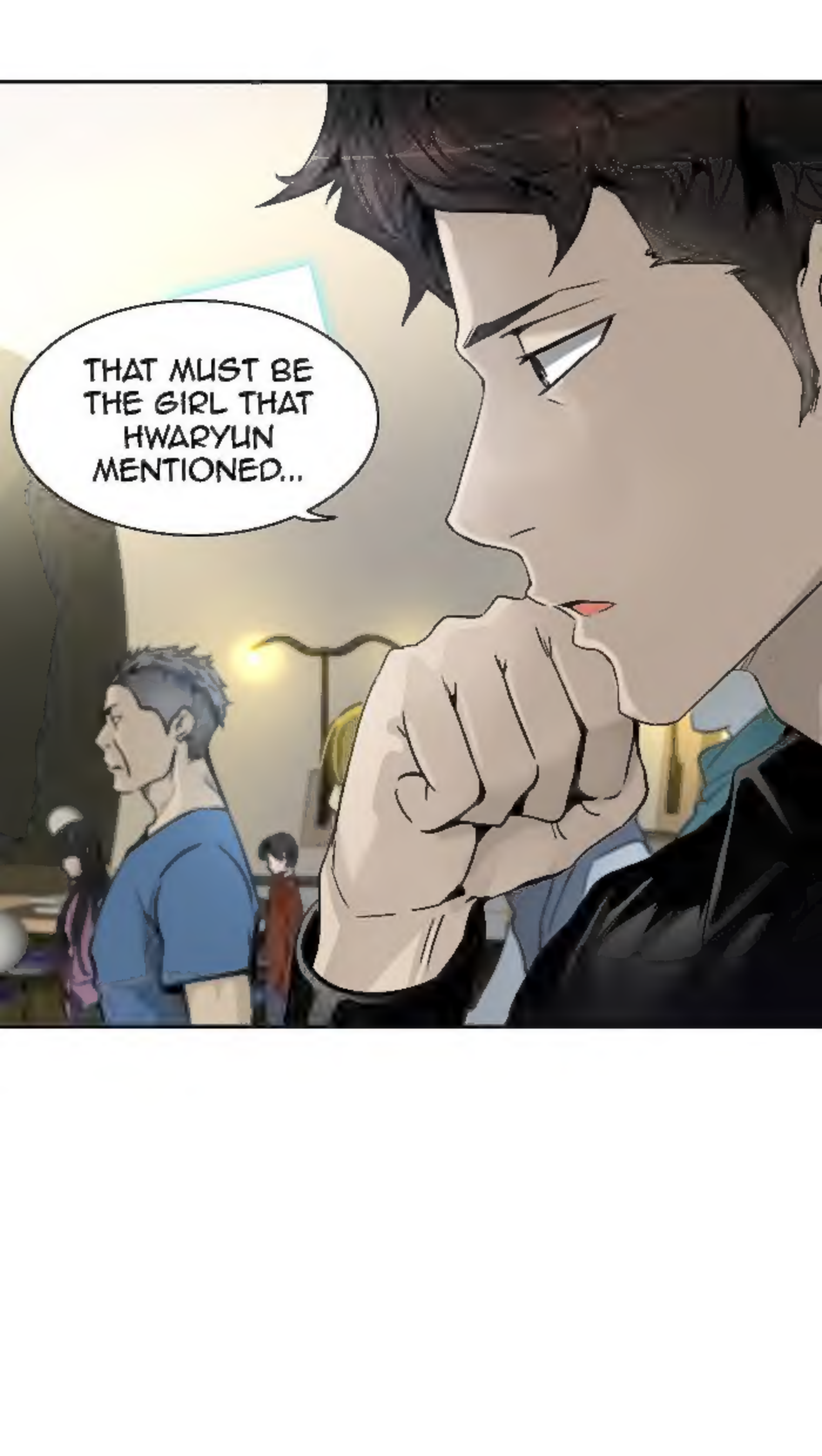
IS HE STILL
NOT HERE YET?



SO IS
THAT GIRL
ENDORSI
JAHAD?







THAT MUST BE
THE GIRL THAT
HWARYUN
MENTIONED...



WHAT A
REMARKABLE
BEAUTY AND
TALENT...

FOR HER FAMILY
TO HAVE
ABANDONED.







STEP-

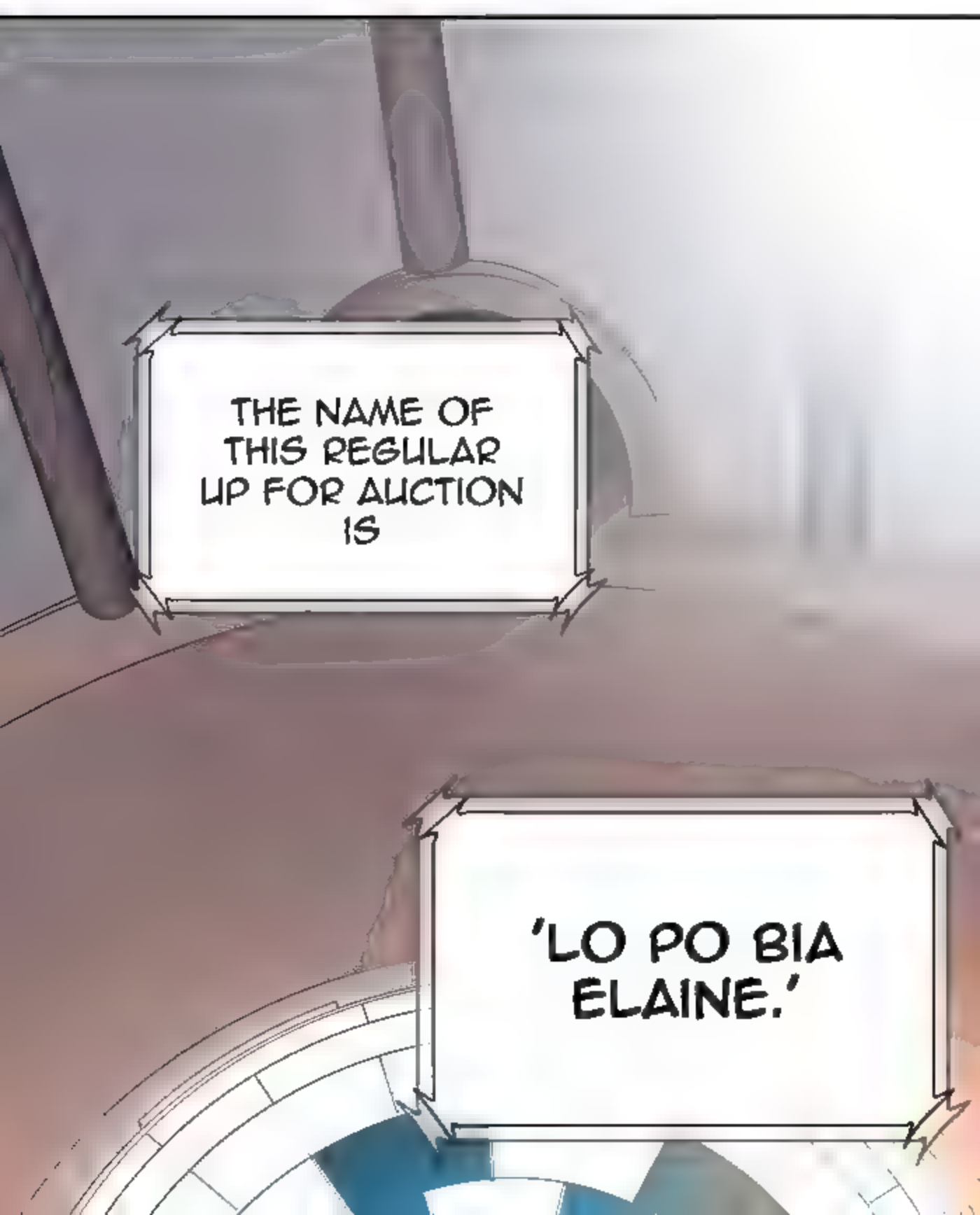


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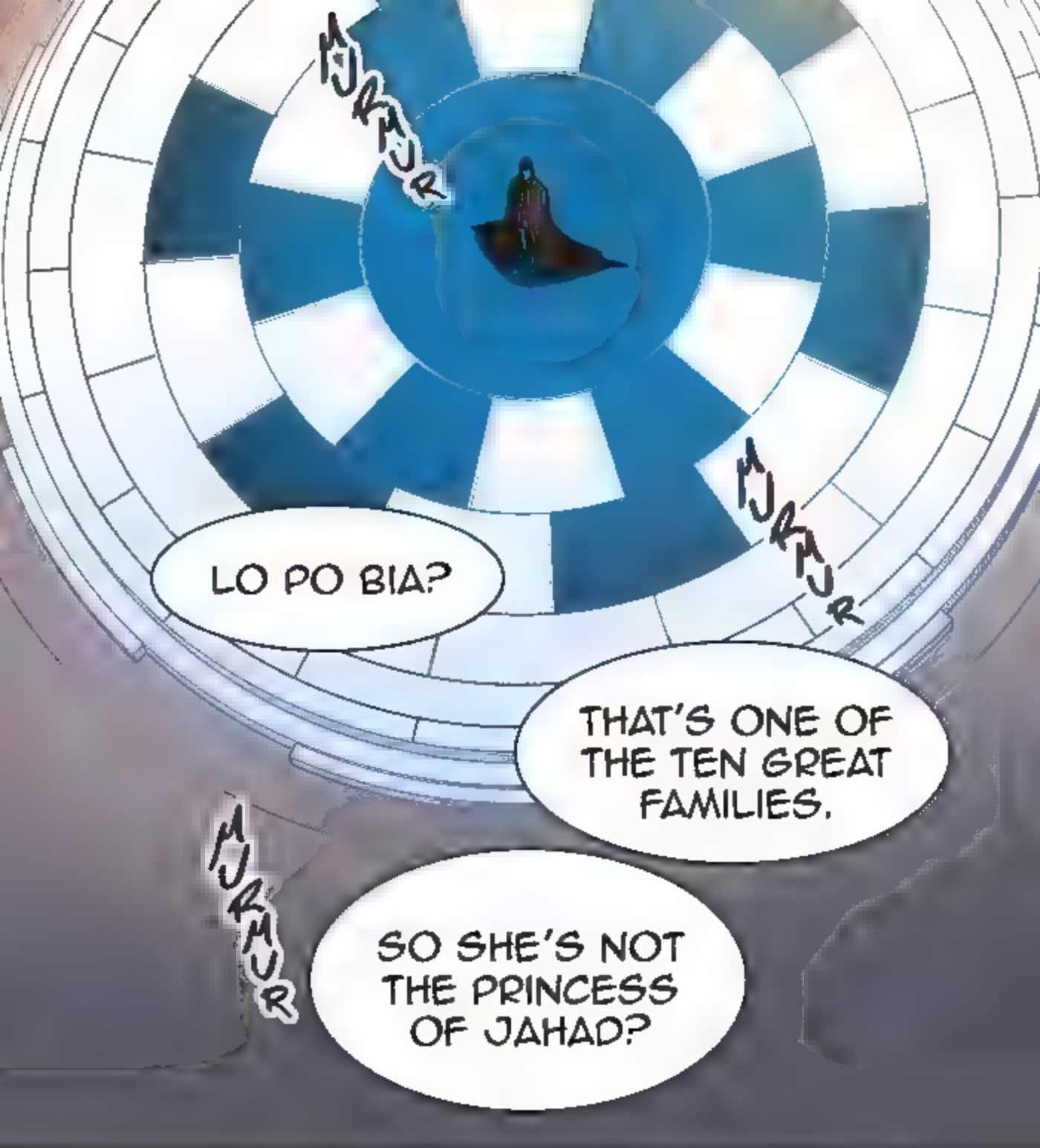


THE HELL TRAIN
- THE 'NAME HUNT' STATION -

A hand is holding a rectangular sign with a double border. The sign is white with black text. The background is a blurred indoor setting with a wooden post and a curved architectural element.

THE NAME OF
THIS REGULAR
UP FOR AUCTION
IS

'LO PO BIA
ELAINE.'



LO PO BIA?

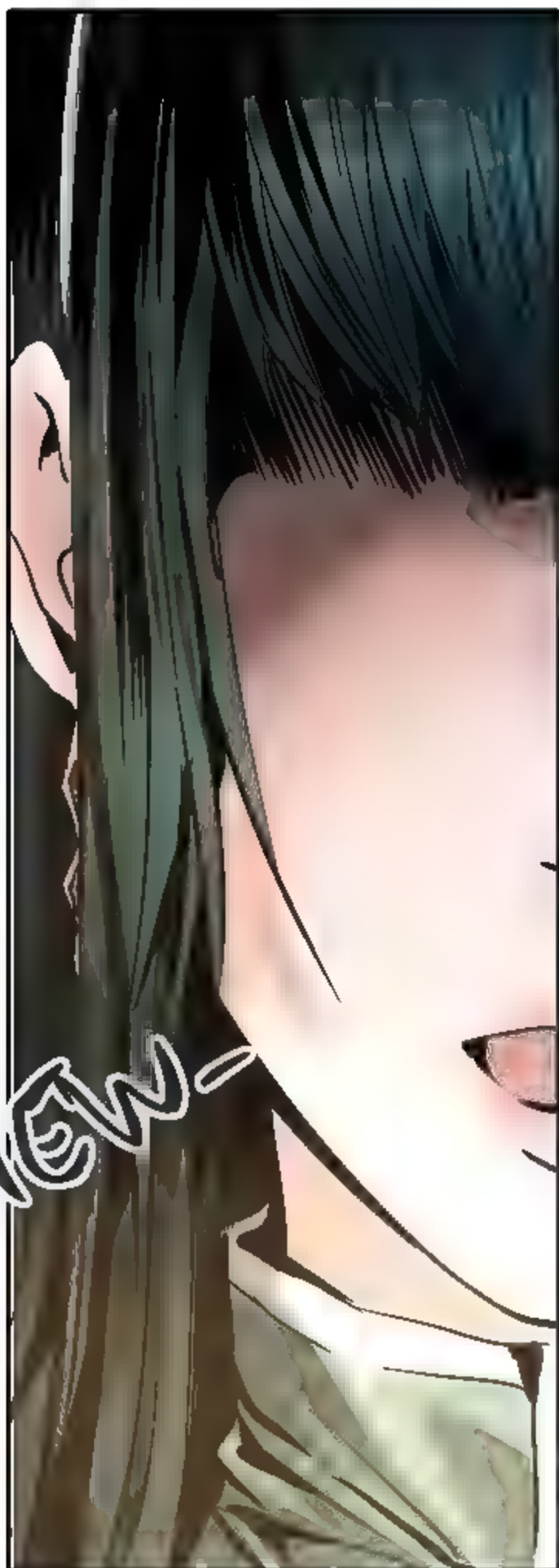
THAT'S ONE OF
THE TEN GREAT
FAMILIES.

SO SHE'S NOT
THE PRINCESS
OF JAHAD?





When

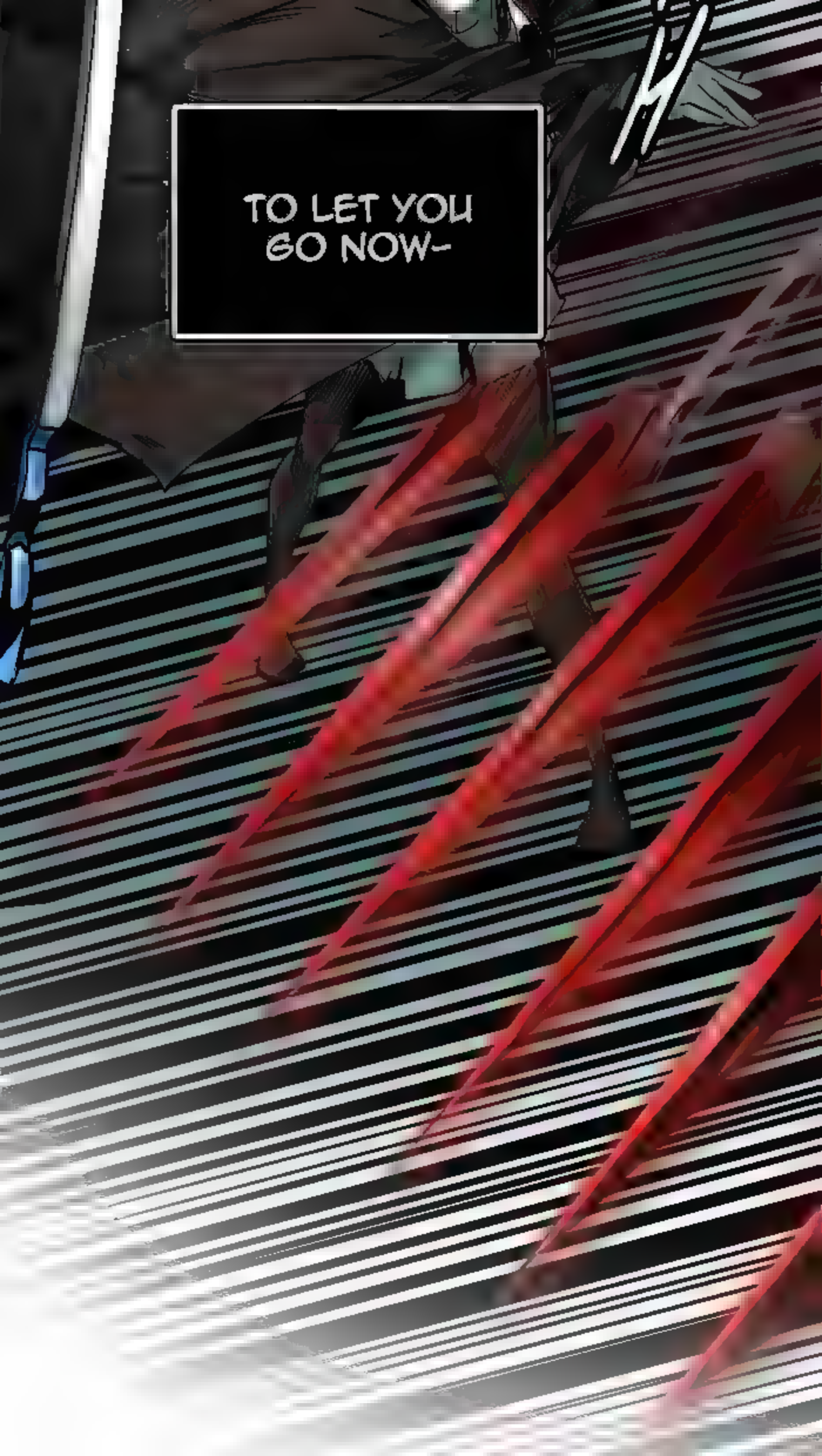


FATHER

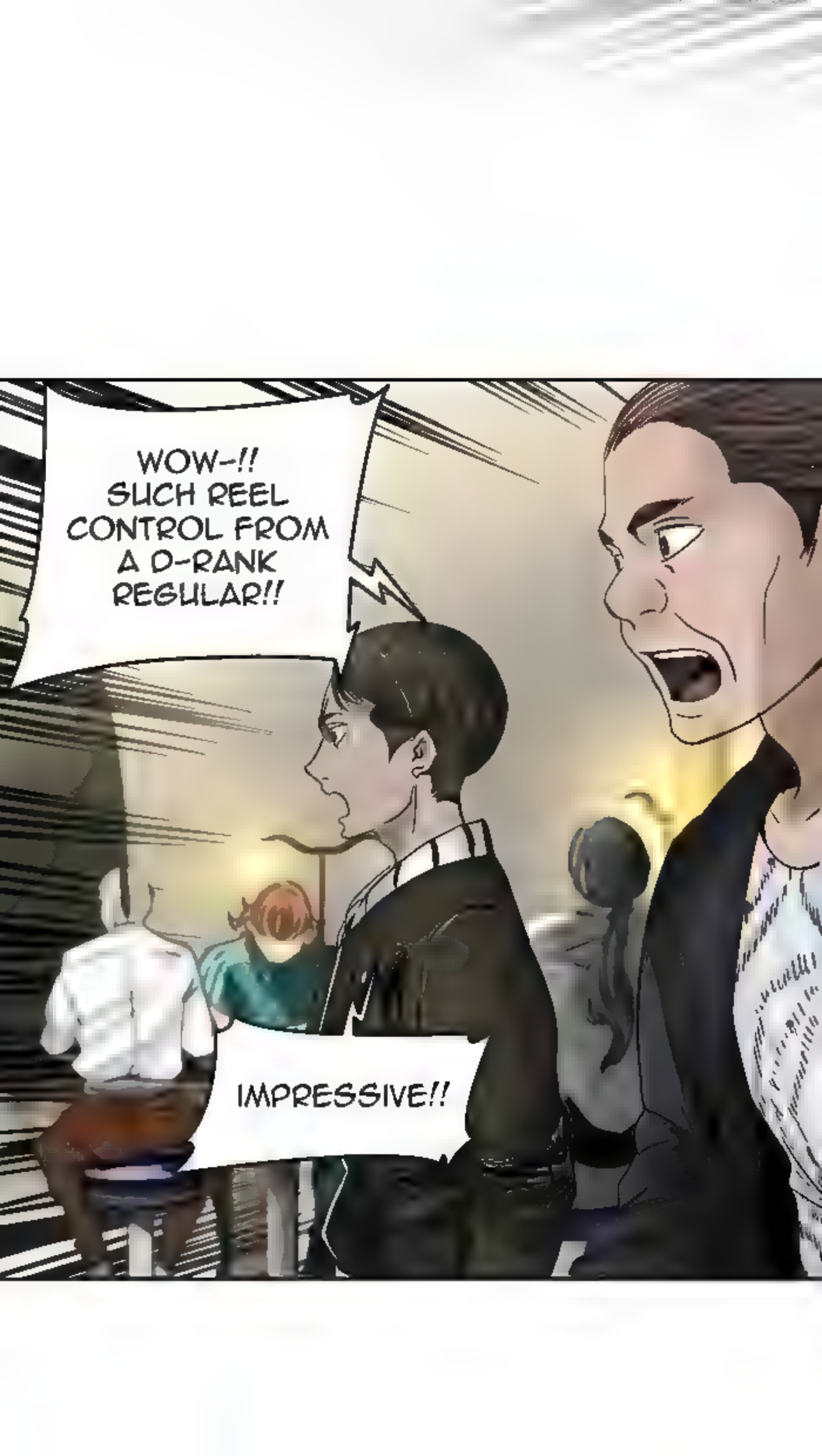
MOTHER

I'M GOING

SHHH



TO LET YOU
GO NOW-



WOW-!!
SUCH REEL
CONTROL FROM
A D-RANK
REGULAR!!

IMPRESSIVE!!





SWISH

WHISH-

LOOK HOW
SHE CONTROLS
THOSE NEEDLES!!

DAMN IT..
WHO THE HECK
IS THAT GIRL?

WE WANT
TO TAKE HER
WITH US..!

RANKER FROM
THE HA FAMILY

RUDA HA.

THE PRINCESS
CLEARLY SAID THAT
JUE VIOLE GRACE
WOULD BE UP
FOR AUCTION..



WHAT IF THIS
ALL TURNS OUT
TO HAVE BEEN
IN VAIN...?



AMAZING-!!

I CAN'T BELIEVE
THERE WAS A FACE
LIKE THAT HIDDEN
BEHIND THAT MASK..!

IT LOOKS LIKE
THEY DON'T JUST
CHOOSE ANYONE
TO BE THE PRINCESS
OF JAHAD.

SO YOU LET
ANYTHING
SLIDE AS LONG AS
THEY'RE PRETTY,
ISU?

I..I GUESS
SO HAHHA-

CRACK

CRACK

WE
AREN'T
HAPPY
TO
LET
YOUR
BACK

...KHUN?

SHE DEFINITELY
FEELS MORE LIKE
A PRINCESS THAN
ENDORSI...

IT KNEW IT...

YOU'RE
SO DEAD!









A WASTE.

SHOO SH

FATHER

MOTHER



WHEN I WAS LITTLE,
I THOUGHT YOU
WOULD ALWAYS
SUPPORT ME.

SO I WAS ABLE TO
DANCE IN MY OWN
WORLD WITHOUT
WORRYING.



BUT THEN
I REALIZED.

IT'S NOT THAT
YOU WERE
MY SUPPORT-

A close-up, sketchy illustration of a hand holding a pen. The hand is rendered in a dark, textured style with visible lines and shading. The pen is held between the thumb and index finger. Two black text boxes with white borders are overlaid on the image. The first box is in the upper left, and the second box is in the lower right.

I WAS

THE SUPPORT
FOR YOU TWO.

THAT'S WHY
I COULDN'T
LET YOU GO.

IT FELT LIKE
EVERYTHING
WOULD END

THE MOMENT
THAT I LET GO
OF YOU-

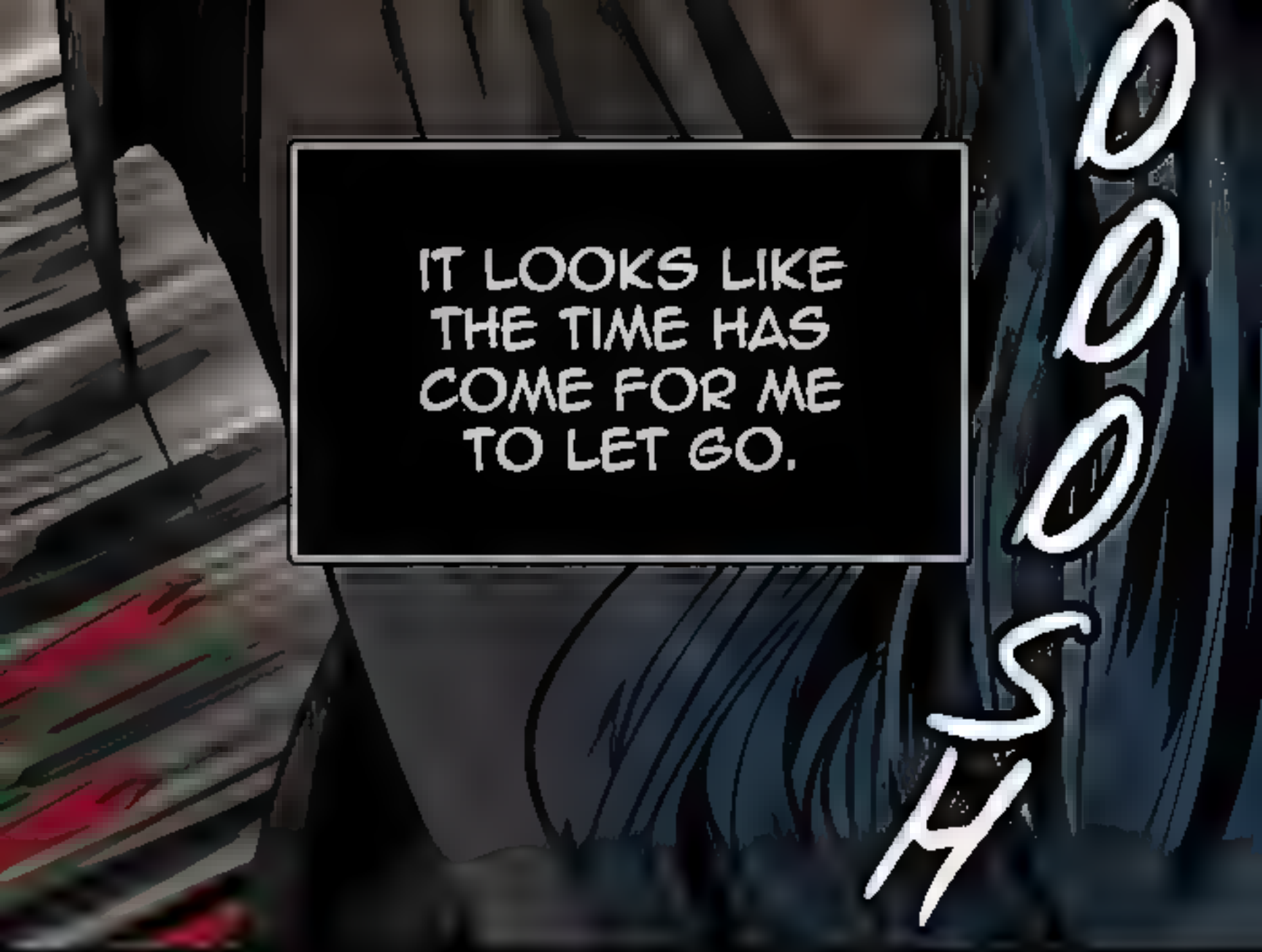
BUT NOW—

WOONG

SLASH



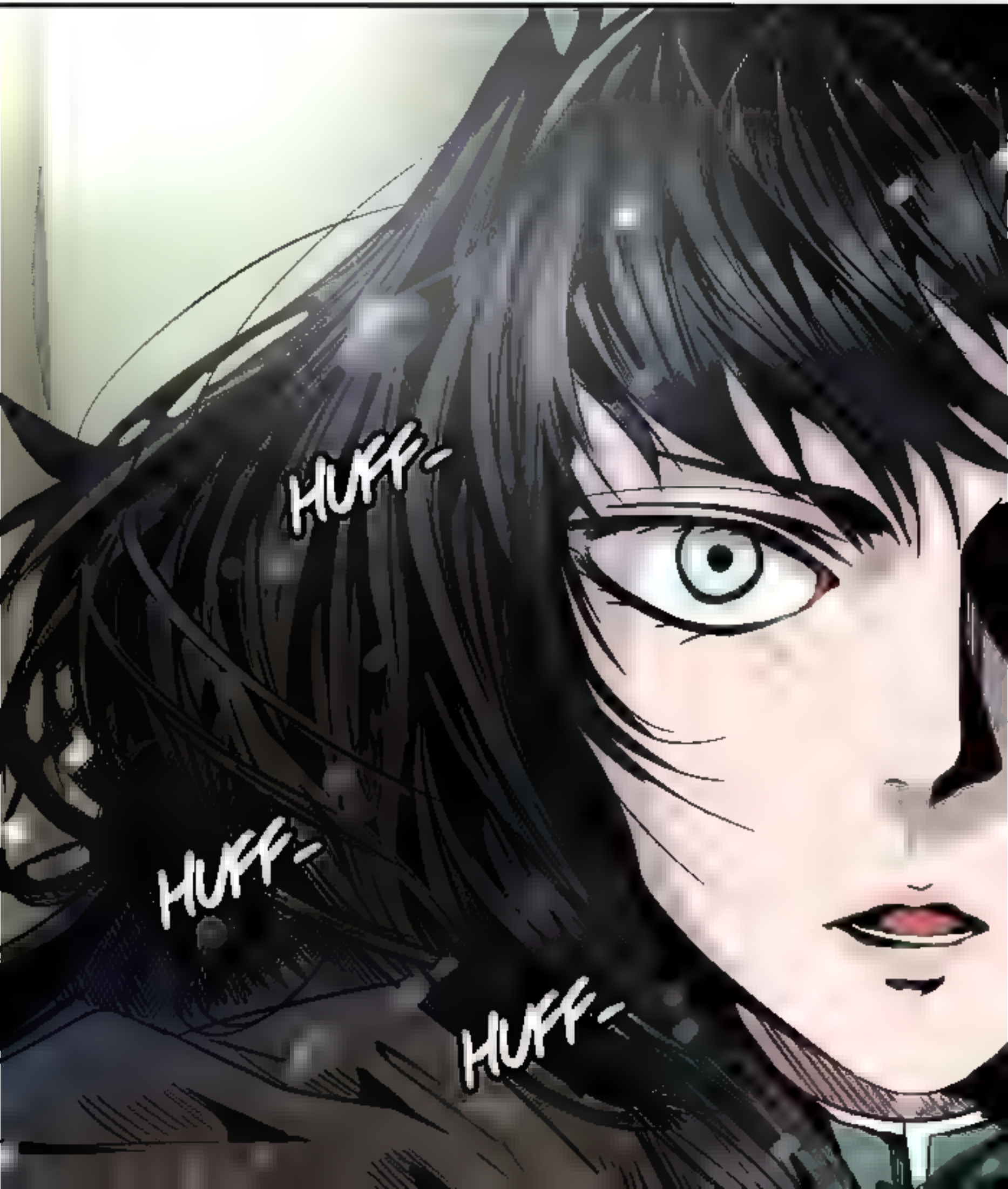




IT LOOKS LIKE
THE TIME HAS
COME FOR ME
TO LET GO.









HUFFO

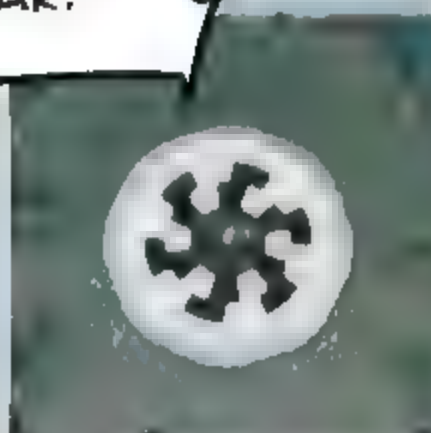
GOOD BYE-

HUFFO



MY OLD
FEELINGS

OHH!! WHAT A
REMARKABLE
REGULAR!



OHHHH

I CAN'T BELIEVE
THERE'S SUCH A
TALENTED D-RANK
REGULAR!!

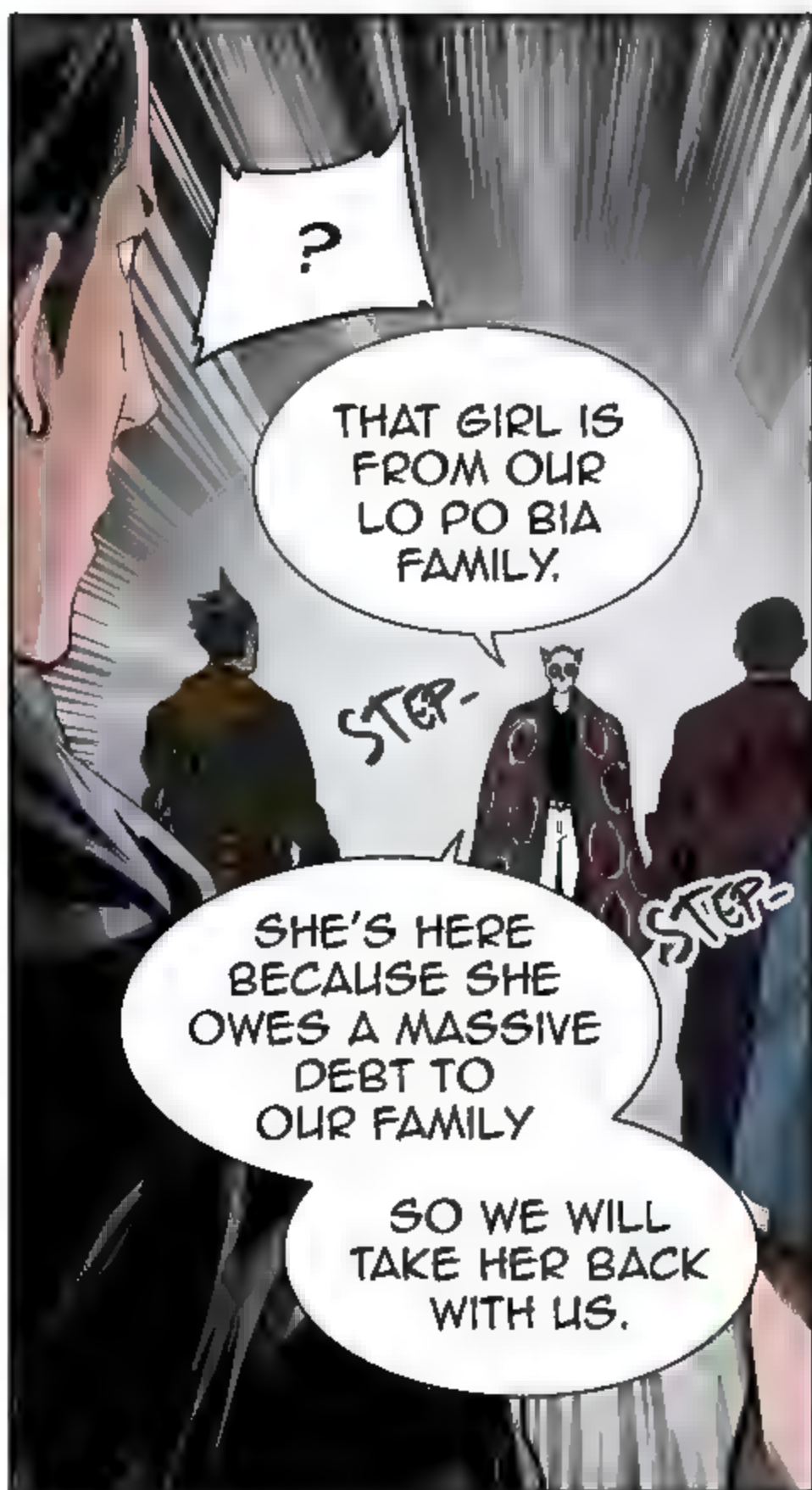
I'LL BID
ON HER!

SHE'S GOT A
BRIGHT FUTURE
AHEAD OF HER!!
I BET THE ASKING
PRICE IS GOING
TO GO UP!!

WE SHOULD
GET HER!



HOLD ON-



?

THAT GIRL IS
FROM OUR
LOPO BIA
FAMILY.

STEP-

SHE'S HERE
BECAUSE SHE
OWES A MASSIVE
DEBT TO
OUR FAMILY

STEP-

SO WE WILL
TAKE HER BACK
WITH US.



I HOPE NO
ONE PARTICIPATES
IN THE BIDDING.

RANKER FROM
THE LO PO BIA
FAMILY

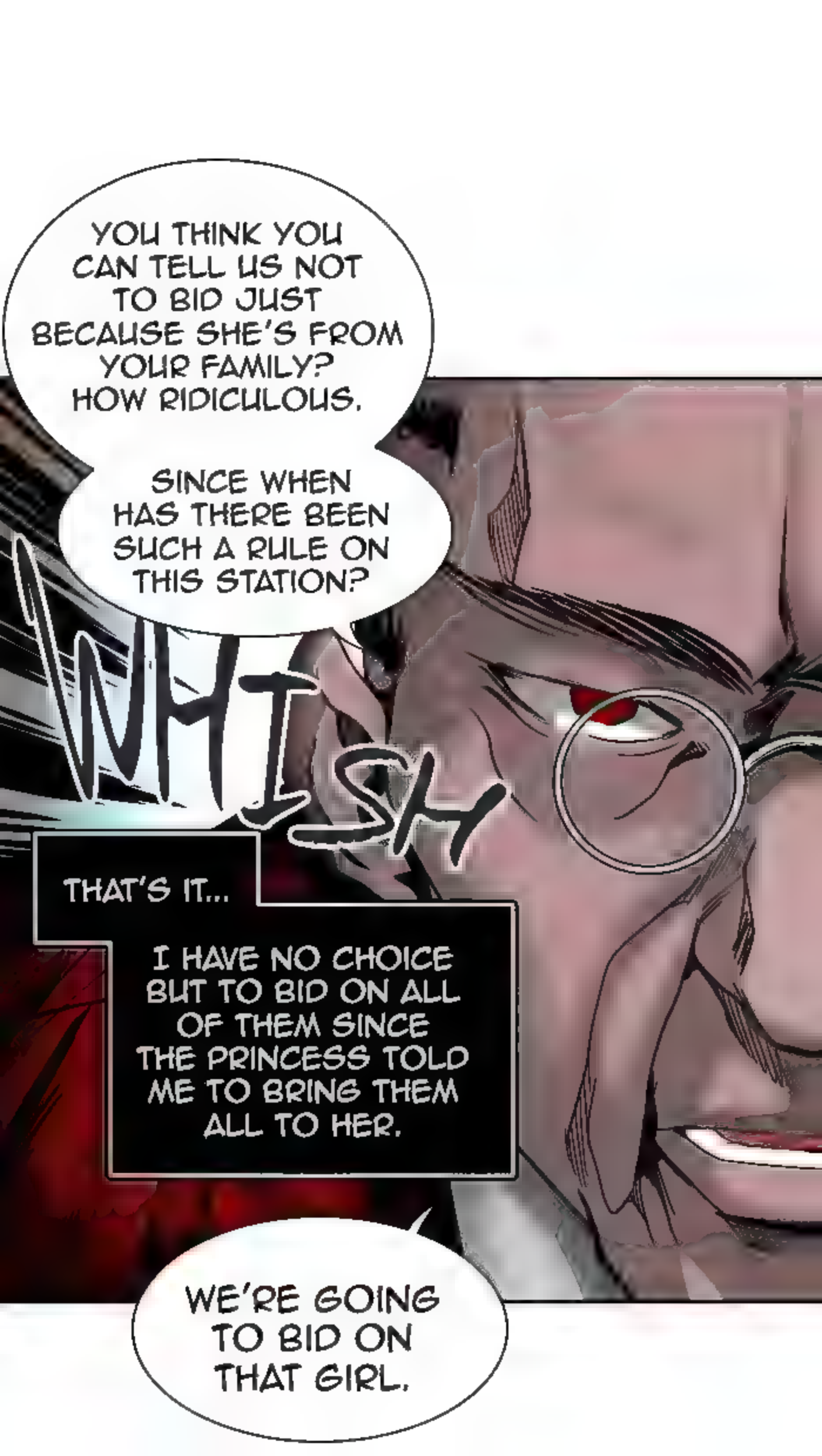
LO PO BIA
PORP.



A comic book panel depicting a scene in a museum. In the foreground, a large, dark, stylized profile of a person's head is visible on the left. In the background, a man in a red suit and glasses sits on a bench, looking towards the viewer. Other visitors are seated on benches in the distance. A speech bubble from the man in the red suit contains the text "HEY. LO PO BIA.". On the floor in the foreground, a large white question mark is shown with a small lightning bolt symbol next to it.

HEY.
LO PO BIA.

?



YOU THINK YOU
CAN TELL US NOT
TO BID JUST
BECAUSE SHE'S FROM
YOUR FAMILY?
HOW RIDICULOUS.

SINCE WHEN
HAS THERE BEEN
SUCH A RULE ON
THIS STATION?

WHISKY

THAT'S IT...

I HAVE NO CHOICE
BUT TO BID ON ALL
OF THEM SINCE
THE PRINCESS TOLD
ME TO BRING THEM
ALL TO HER.

WE'RE GOING
TO BID ON
THAT GIRL.

...THERE'S
NO REASON

TO CAUSE
CONFLICT AMONG
EACH OTHER BECAUSE
OF A REGULAR
LIKE THAT.

YOU DON'T
NEED TO
KNOW WHY.

I'M GOING TO
BID ON THAT GIRL
ACCORDING TO
THE RULES OF
THIS PLACE.

IF YOU CAN BID
MORE THAN ME,
THEN GO AHEAD
AND TAKE HER.

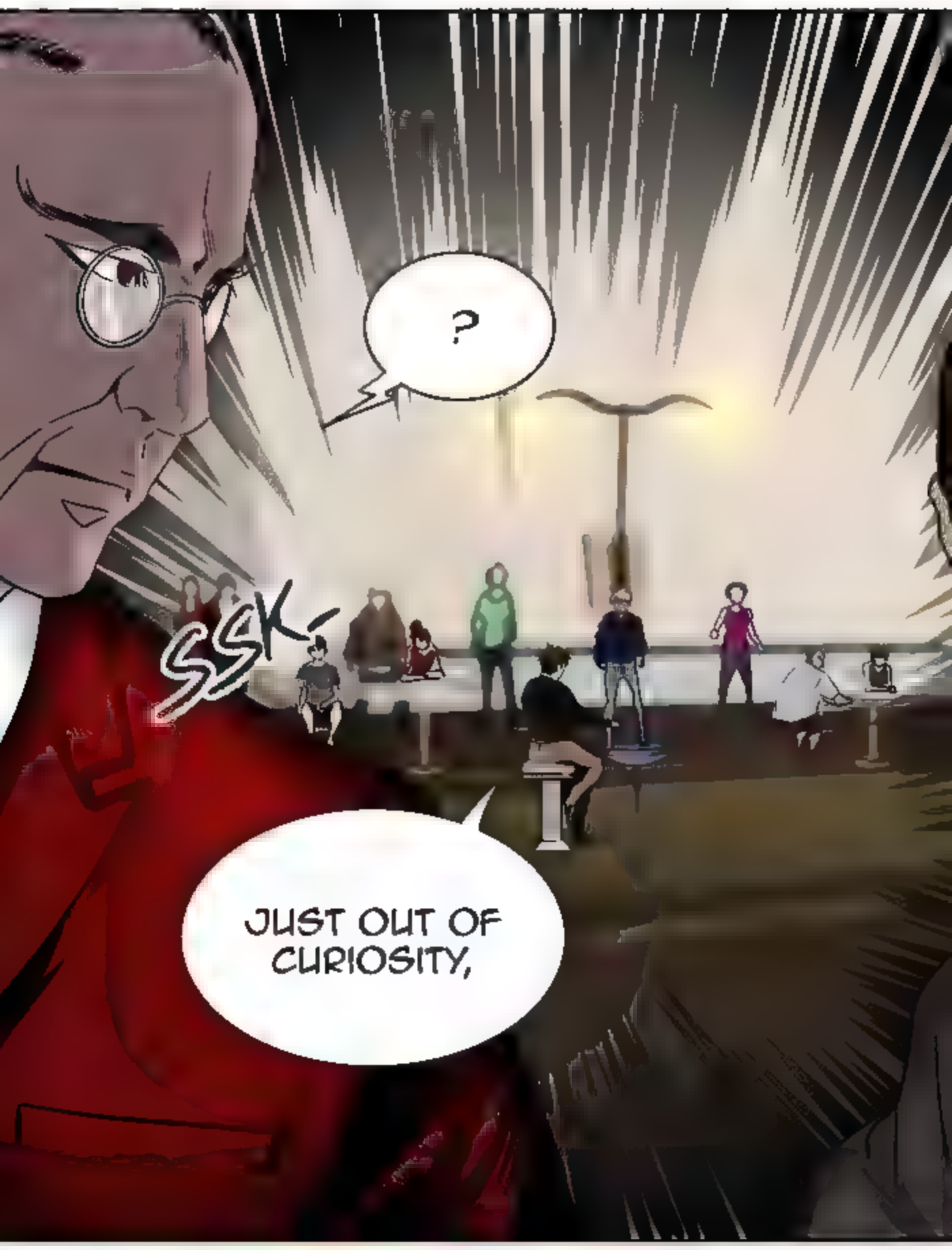




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NO INTENTION
OF BIDDING
LOTS.

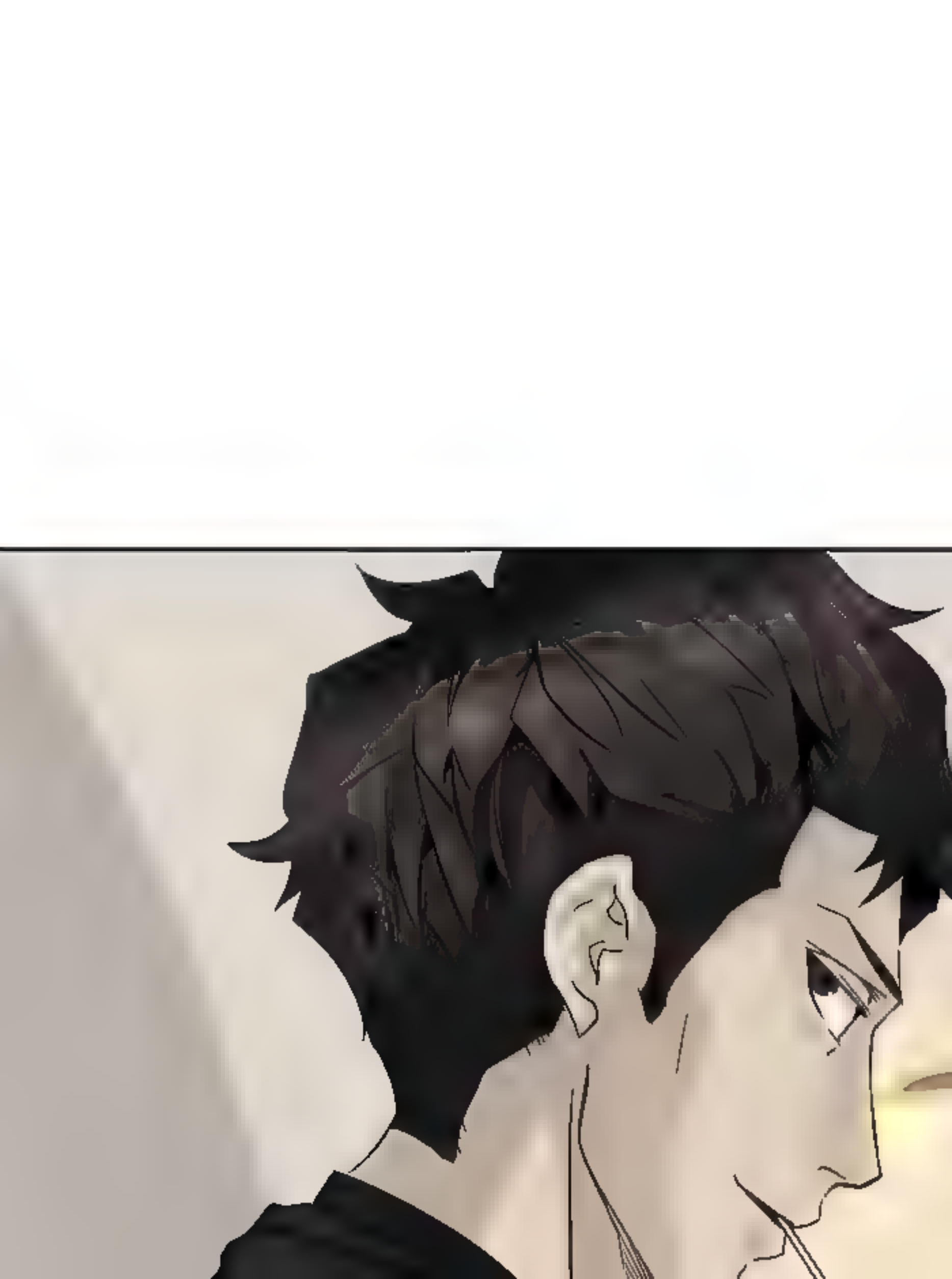
HEY-
BOYS.



?

SSK-

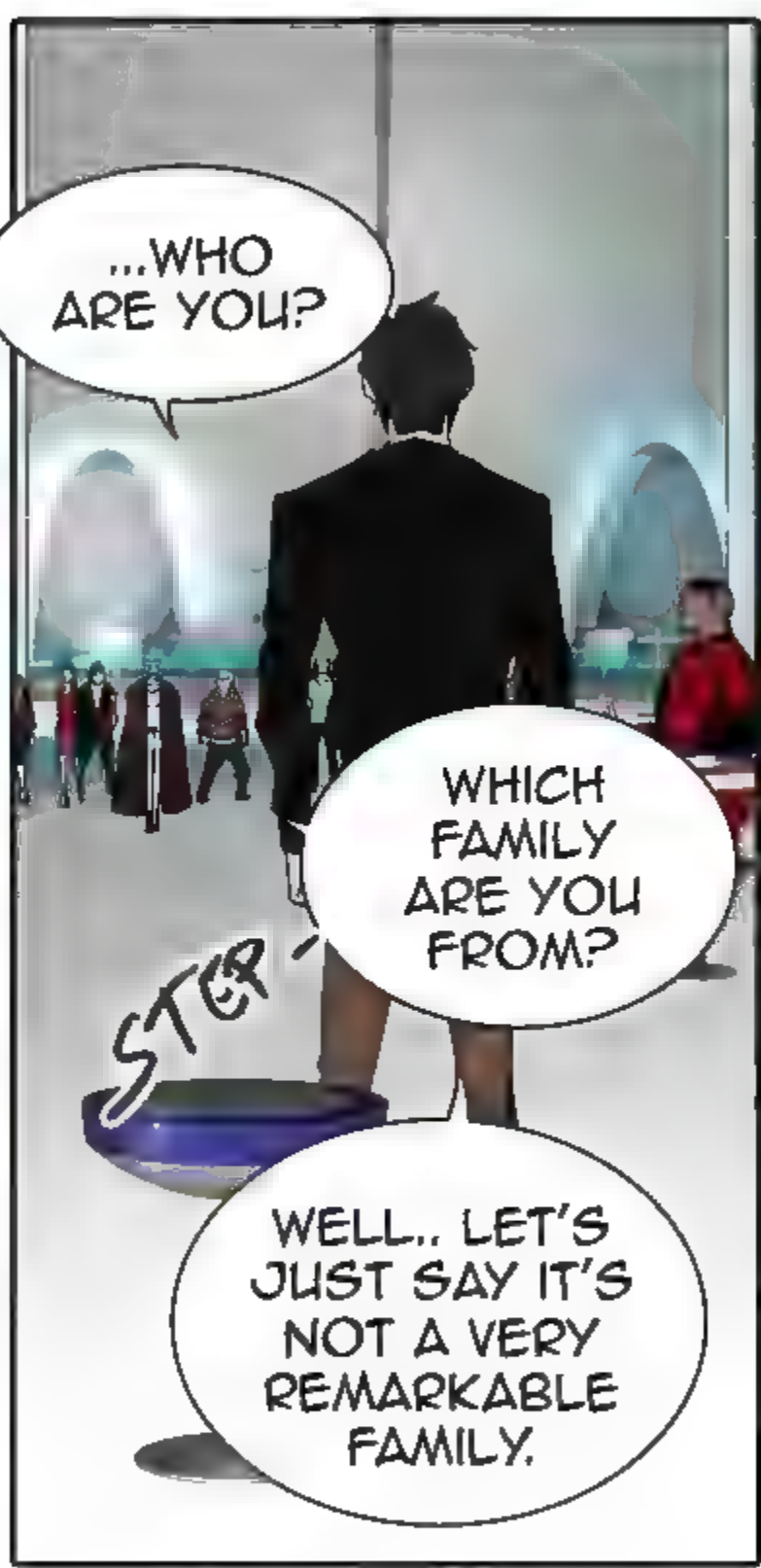
JUST OUT OF
CHURIOSITY,





HOW MUCH
DID YOU
EXPECT
TO PAY?

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...WHO
ARE YOU?

WHICH
FAMILY
ARE YOU
FROM?

WELL.. LET'S
JUST SAY IT'S
NOT A VERY
REMARKABLE
FAMILY.



I'VE TAKEN A
LIKING TO THAT
GIRL TOO,

SO LET'S JUST
ALL BID AT ONCE.
TO SEE HOW HIGH
THE PRICE GOES.

THERE'S NO
NEED TO WASTE
TIME, RIGHT?

WE'LL ALL BID
AT THE SAME TIME
ON THE COUNT OF
THREE, OKAY?



WELL...

WHAT'S WRONG?
AREN'T YOU ALL FROM
THE SO-CALLED TEN
GREAT FAMILIES?

YOU SHOULD AT
LEAST BE ABLE TO
HANDLE THIS MUCH
IF YOU'VE GOT
ANY GUTS.

DON'T
SACK
DOWN



...FINE.

LET'S
DO IT.

IT WON'T BE
VERY MUCH,
ANYWAY.

PLUS IT WOULD
BE GOOD TO SELL HER
OFF IF IT ENDS UP
BEING MORE THAN
I THOUGHT.

WELL...
ALRIGHT.

YOU'RE VERY
CONFIDENT,
I SEE.

LET'S
DO IT.

THESE PEOPLE
KNOW NOTHING.

I'M GETTING
SUPPORT FROM
THE PRINCESS.



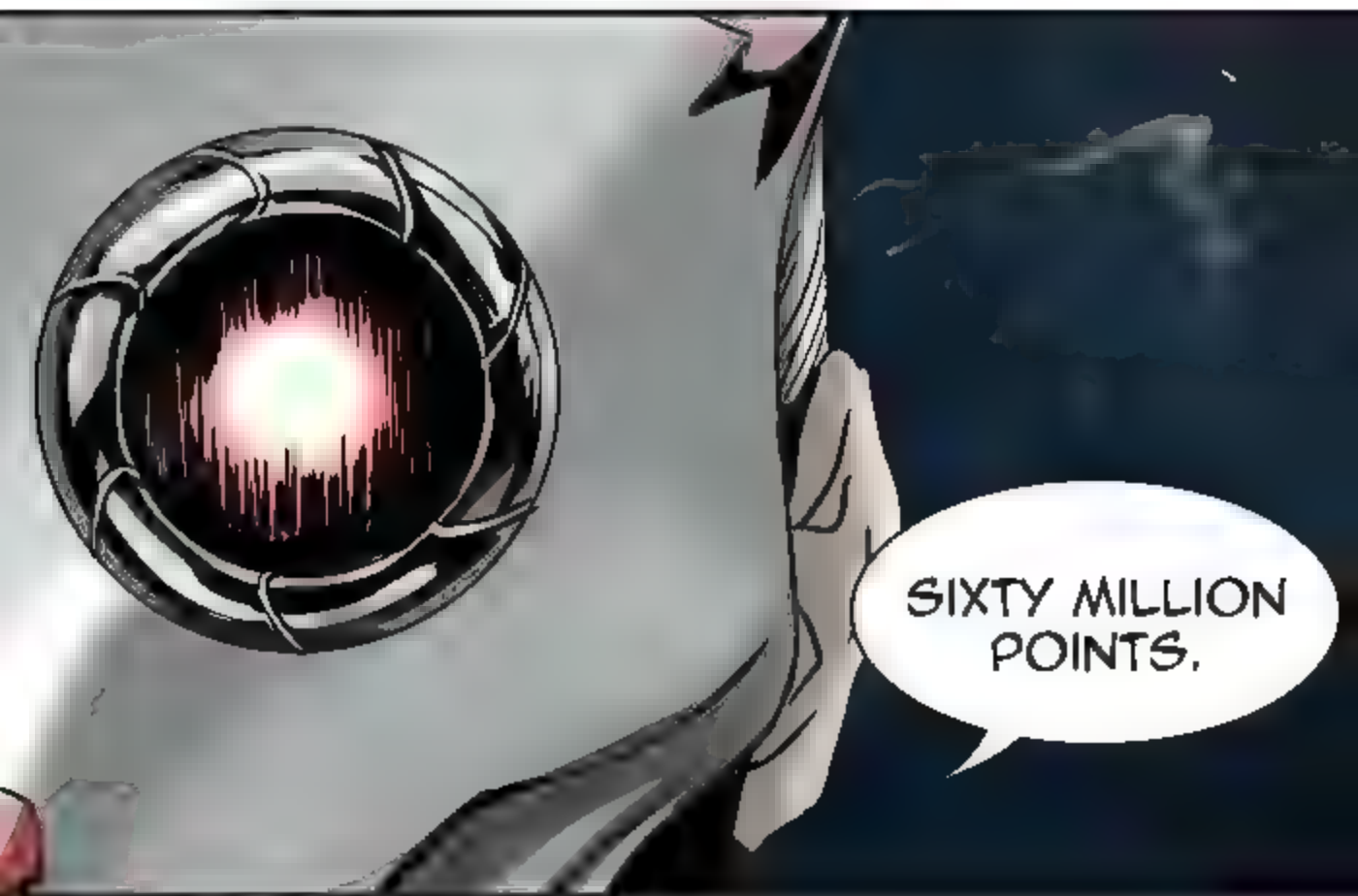
ALRIGHT-
THEN ONE-

TWO-

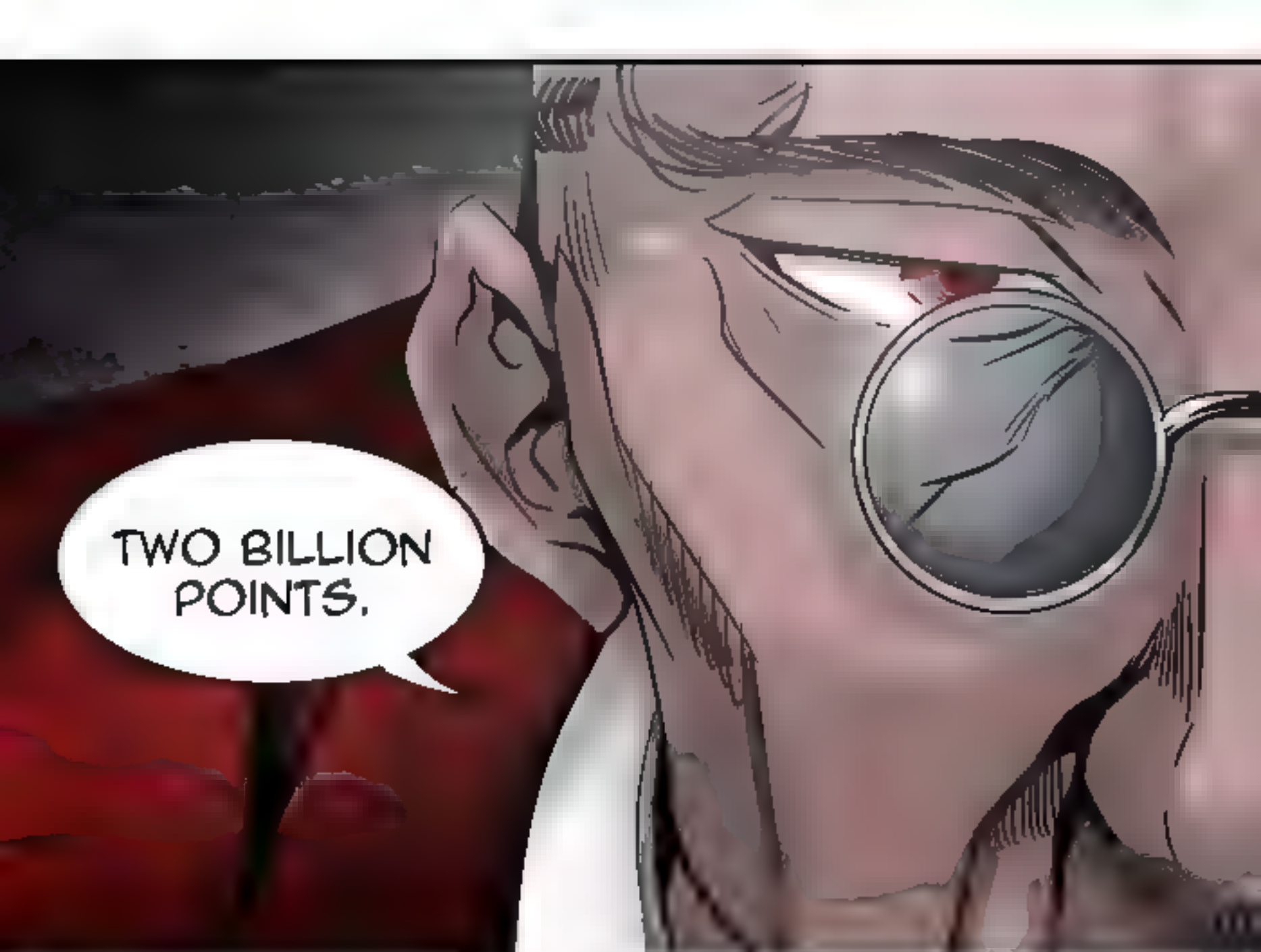
THREE-



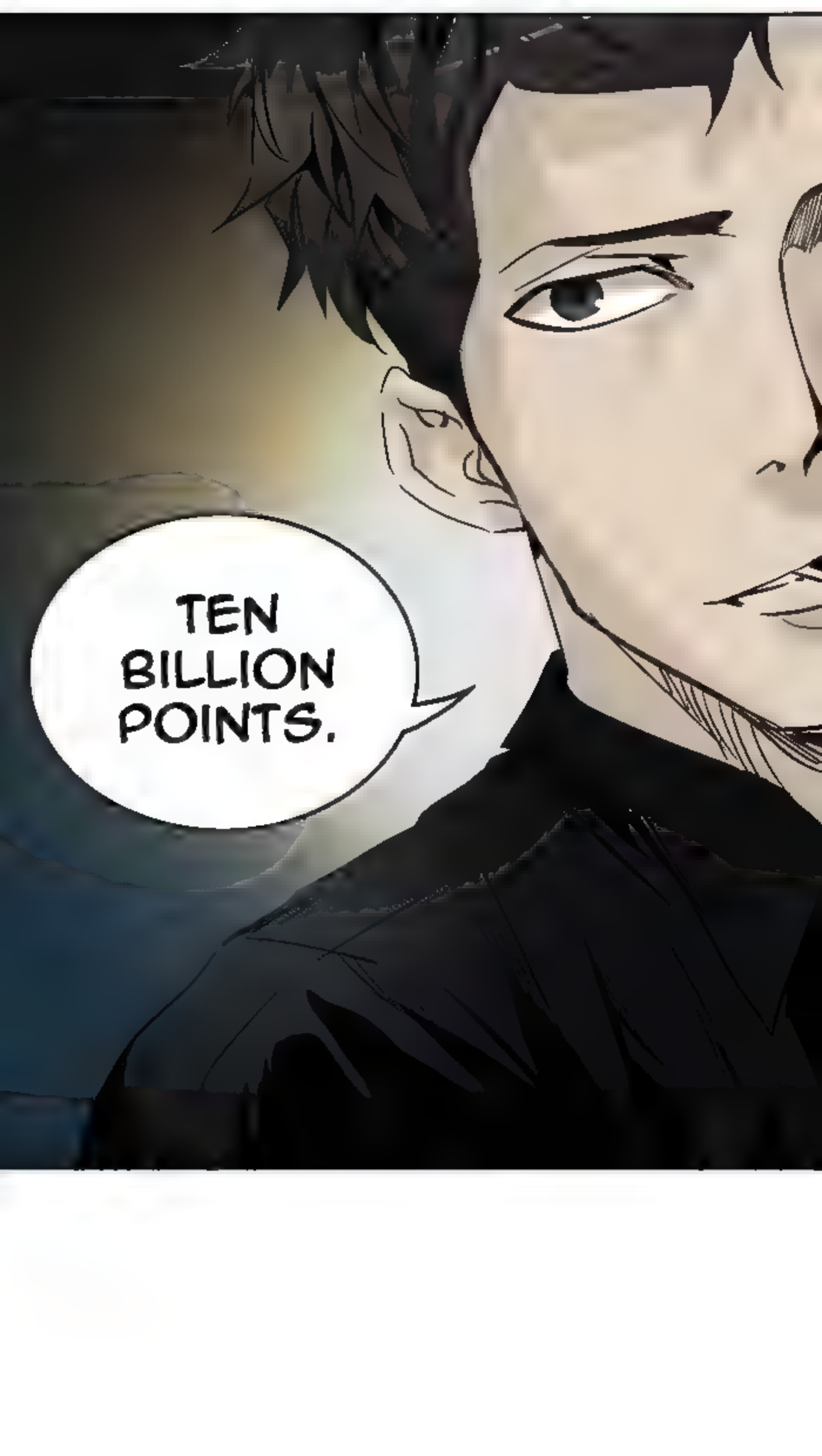
BID.



SIXTY MILLION
POINTS.



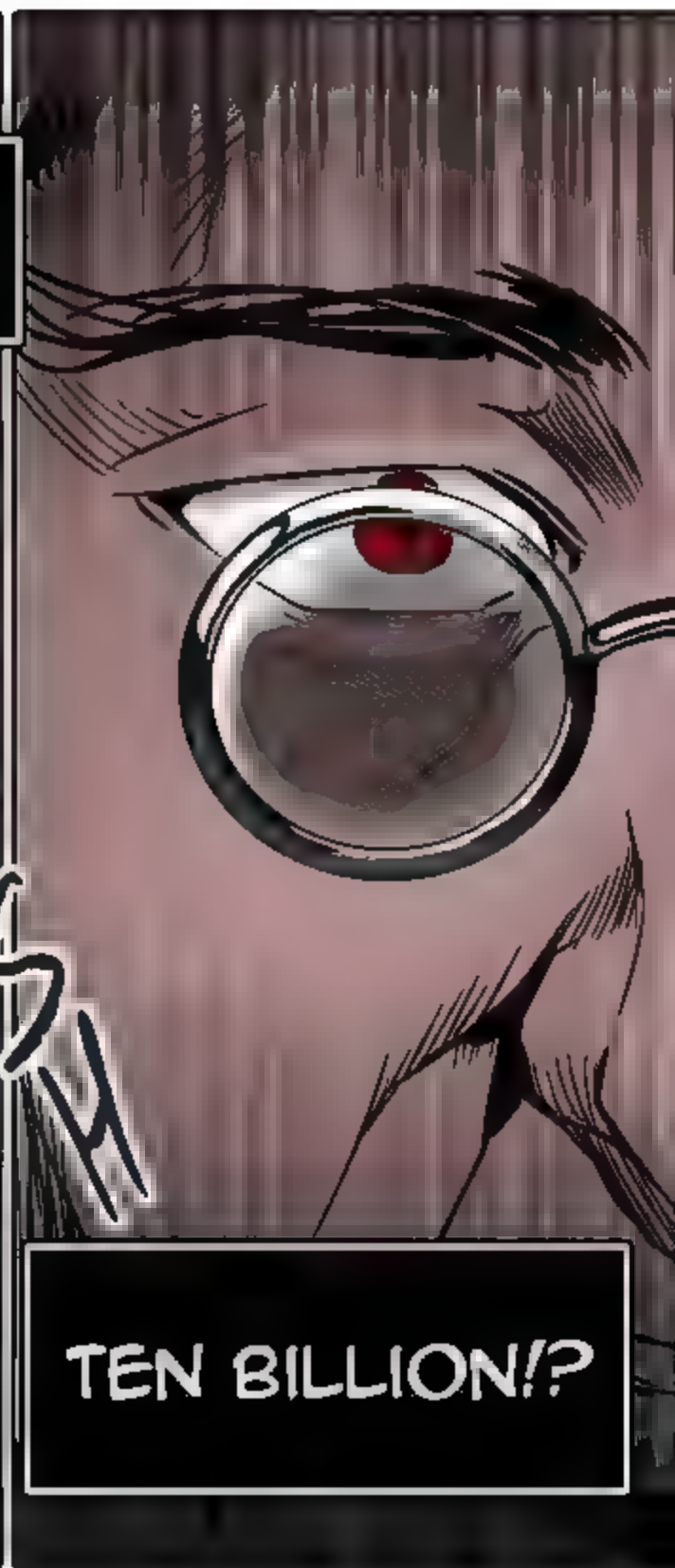
TWO BILLION
POINTS.



TEN
BILLION
POINTS.



WHAT...?!



TEN BILLION!?





TEN BILLION?!



A...ARE YOU
INSANE?!

WITH
TEN BILLION POINTS,
YOU COULD BUY A
WHOLE FLEET OF
FLOATING ISLANDS!!

T...TEN BILLION
FOR A
REGULAR!?

WELL..
IT'S NOT
THAT MUCH.



IT'S NOT SUCH
A HIGH PRICE
TO PAY

FOR WINNING
FAVOR FROM A
PRIZED STUDENT.

A comic book panel. In the foreground, a man in a red suit is seen from behind, looking towards a person in the distance. The person in the distance is walking away from the man in the red suit. There are speech bubbles and text on the page.

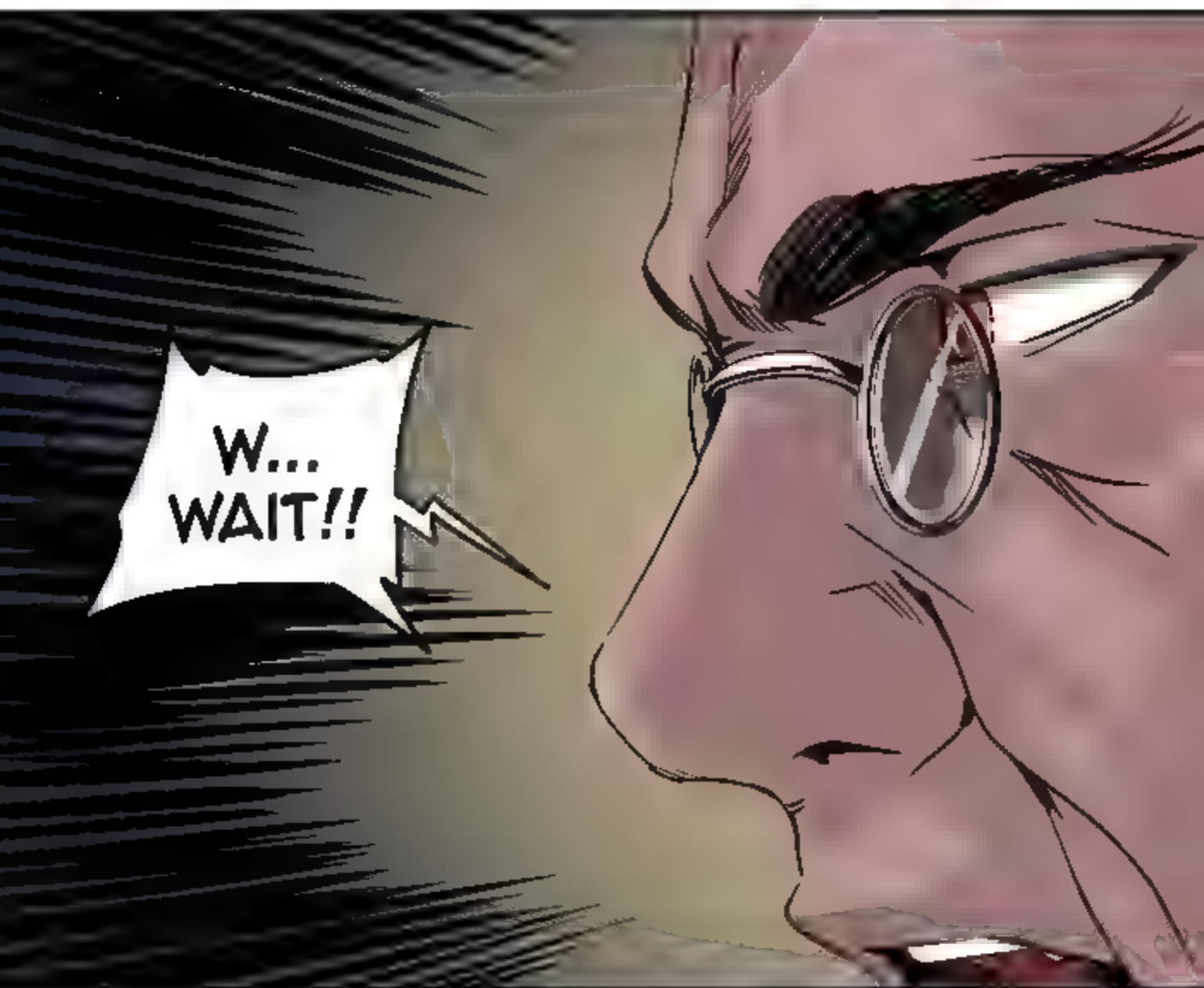
I'LL DEPOSIT
ALL OF THE MONEY
RIGHT AWAY.

STEP-

STEP-

NOW THIS
CANCELS THAT
GIRL'S DEBT.

WELL,
TAKE CARE-

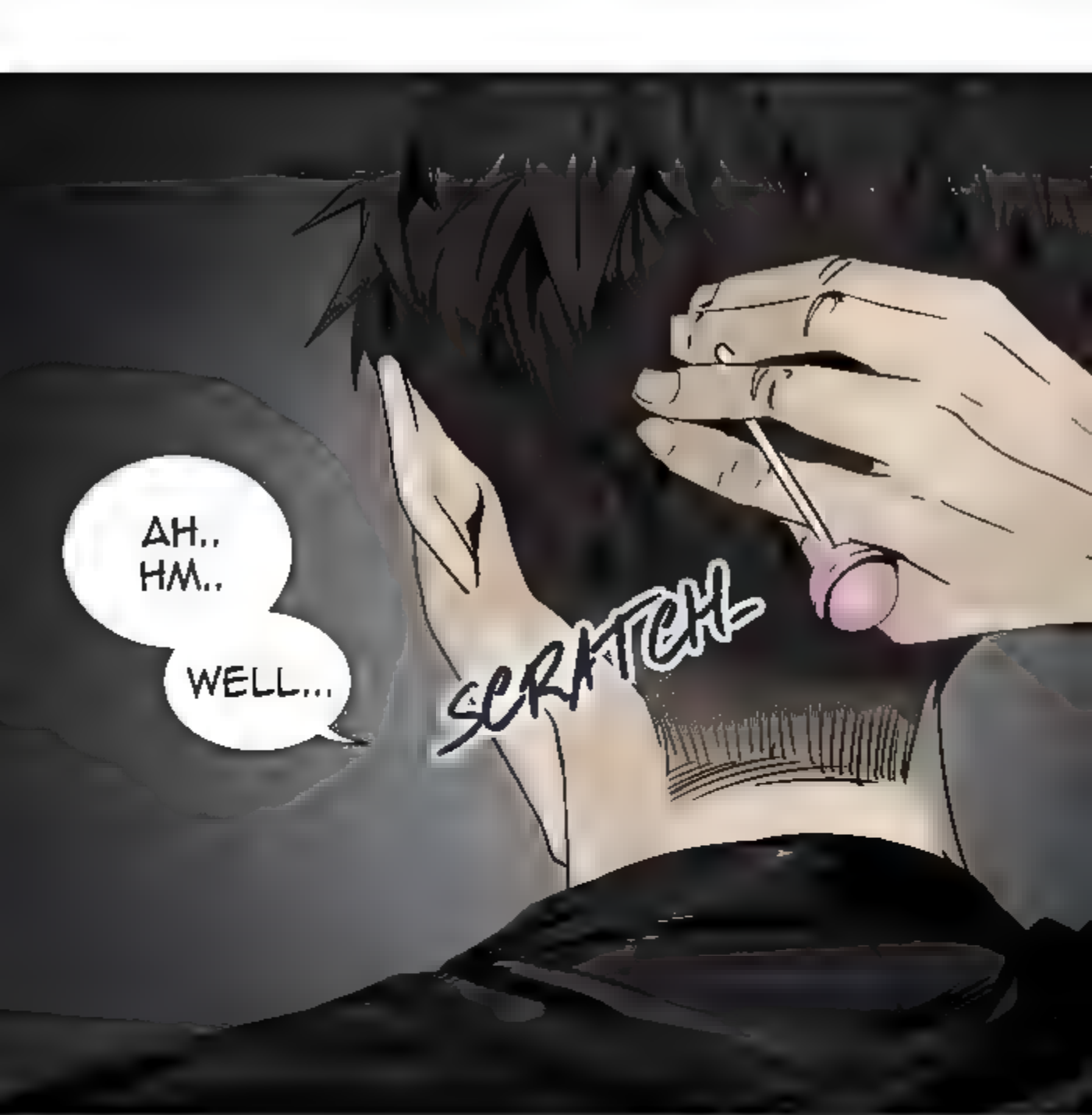




WHO ON
EARTH ARE
YOU!?

HOW CAN A
SINGLE PERSON
HAVE SO MUCH
MONEY!?

WHAT ARE
YOU PLANNING
ON DOING
WITH HER!?





I'M JUST AN
OLD MAN WHO
VANISHED FROM
THE HISTORY BOOKS
LONG AGO.

THERE'S
NO NEED FOR
YOU ALL TO BE
CONCERNED.

AND I'M NOT
THE ONE BUYING
THAT GIRL.



MY GOD IS
SAVING HER.

SO IT DOESN'T
MATTER WHAT
THE REASON IS.



THAT'S WHAT
KIND OF BEING
A GOD IS.

LET'S GO.

I'M TIRED.



WHAT?!

YOU MISSED
THE AUCTION
ITEM?!



WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN!?

I TOLD YOU
TO BUY UP
WHATEVER THEY
PUT UP FOR
AUCTION!!

I...I'M SORRY,
PRINCESS.

THE OTHER
PERSON.. BID
WAY TOO MUCH
MONEY...



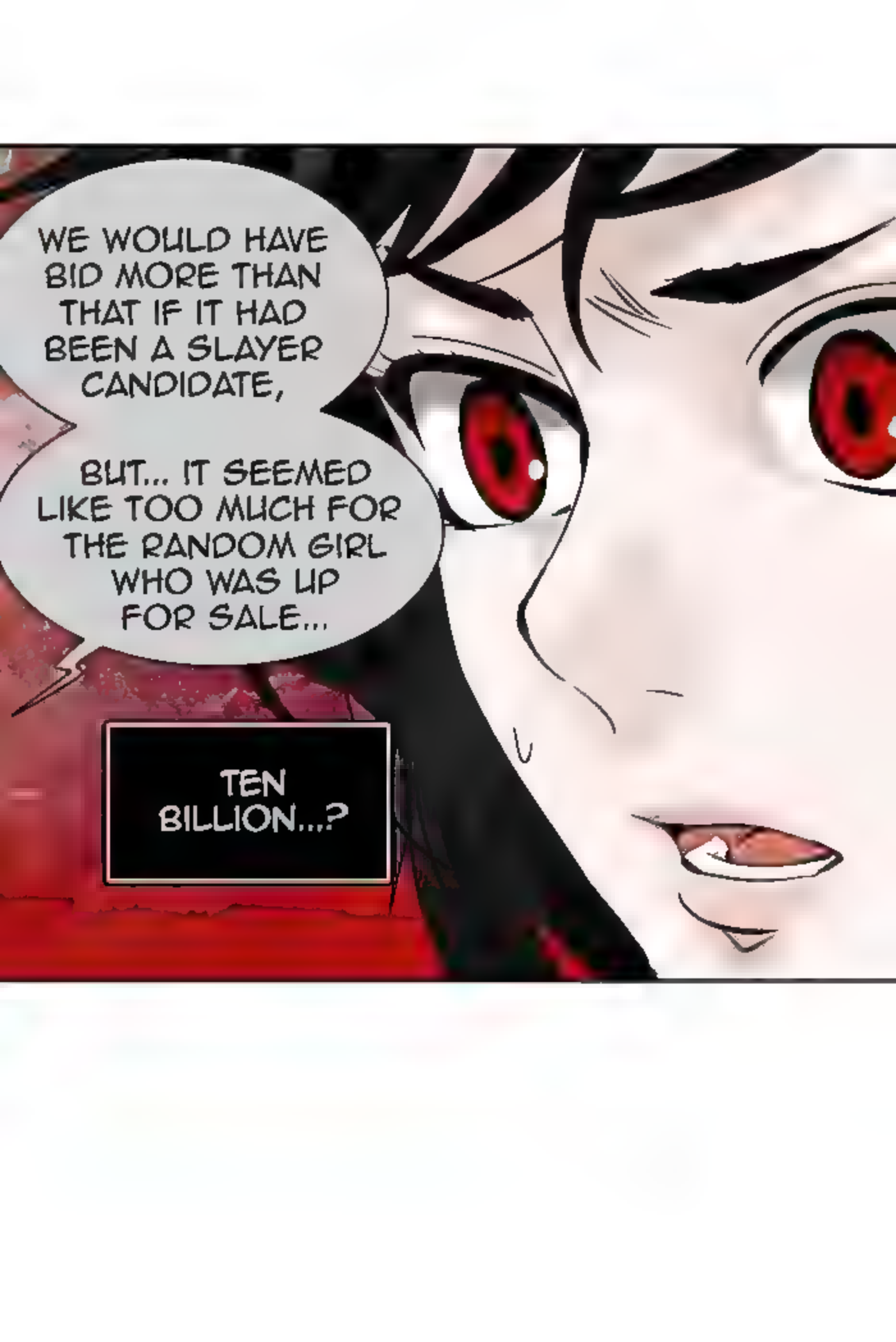
WHAT?! TOO MUCH?
I CLEARLY TOLD YOU
TO SPEND AS MUCH AS
YOU NEEDED TO!!

B..BUT
THE AMOUNT
THAT THE OTHER
PERSON BID
WAS..

A hand is holding a glowing sign that says "ALL". A speech bubble from the hand says "TEN BILLION POINTS.". Below the hand, a small sign with "!!" is visible.

TEN BILLION
POINTS.

!!

A close-up, high-contrast illustration of a character's face, focusing on the eyes and mouth. The character has pale skin and dark, thick eyebrows. Their eyes are a striking, solid red color with black pupils, and they are wide open in a look of surprise or shock. The mouth is slightly agape, showing a glimpse of the tongue and teeth. The background is dark and indistinct.

WE WOULD HAVE
BID MORE THAN
THAT IF IT HAD
BEEN A SLAYER
CANDIDATE,

BUT... IT SEEMED
LIKE TOO MUCH FOR
THE RANDOM GIRL
WHO WAS UP
FOR SALE...

TEN
BILLION...?

TEN BILLION
FOR A
REGULAR?

ARE YOU
SURE?



YES,
I DEFINITELY
HEARD THAT
HE DEPOSITED
THE ENTIRE
AMOUNT AT
ONCE.

W..WHO ON
EARTH WOULD
SPEND THAT MUCH
ON A REGULAR?

I'M NOT SURE.
IT DOESN'T SEEM
LIKE ONE OF
THE TEN FAMILIES,
EITHER..

FOR NOW,
IT'S BEEN CONFIRMED
THAT THERE WEREN'T
ANY SLAYER CANDIDATES
IN THIS AUCTION.

....!

I
CHECKED WITH
LO PO BIA
FAMILY,

AND IT LOOKS
LIKE THE ITEM THAT
WAS UP FOR SALE
THIS TIME WAS
ACTUALLY KAISER
HERSELF.



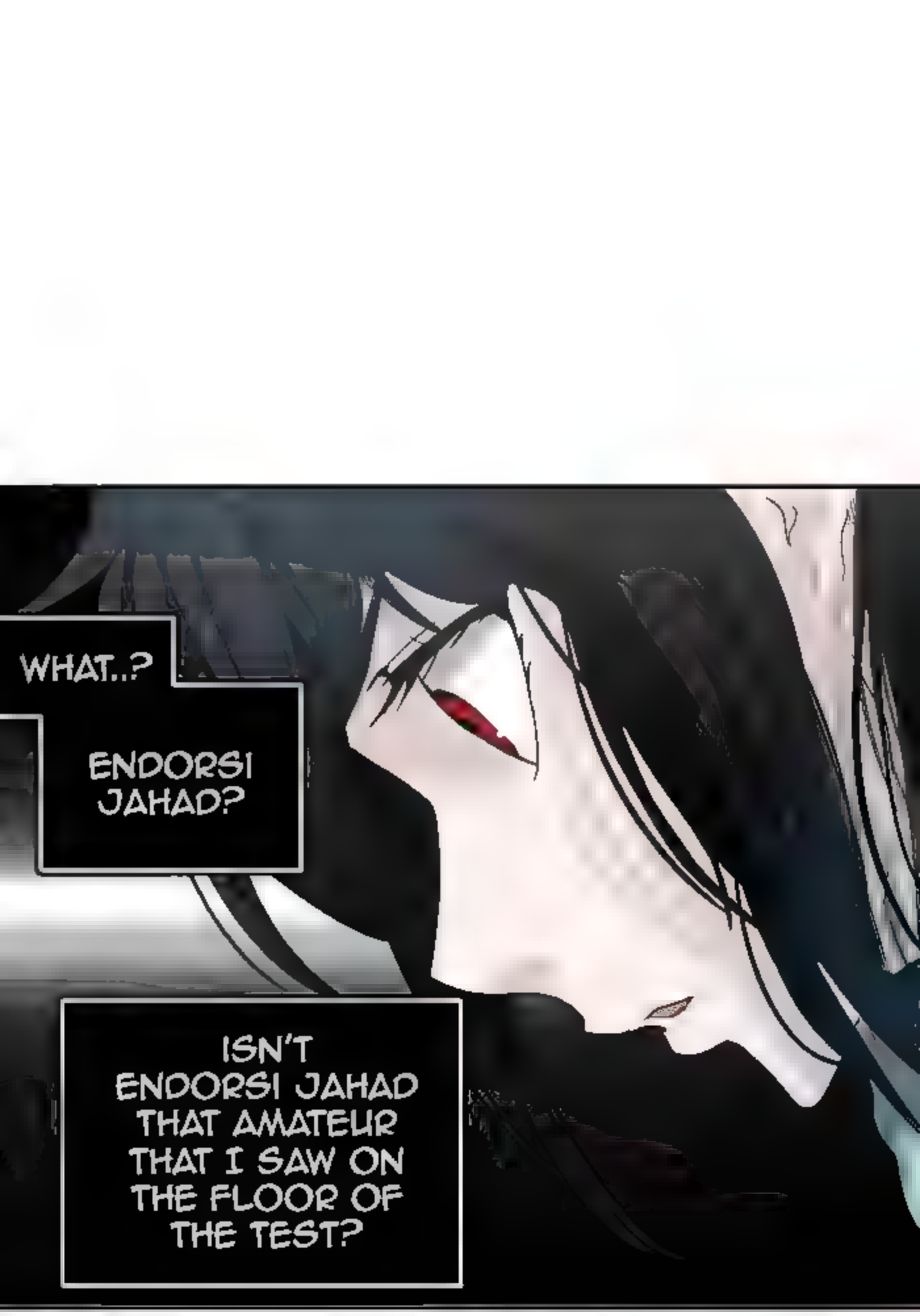
KAISER?
ARE YOU
SAYING....?

SHE LOST?!

YES. SHE SAYS
THAT SHE WAS
DEFEATED BY
ENDORSI JAHAD.

IT LOOKS LIKE
THE NEWS ABOUT A
SLAYER CANDIDATE
APPEARING WAS A
FALSE REPORT.

CALL



WHAT...?

ENDORSI
JAHAD?

ISN'T
ENDORSI JAHAD
THAT AMATEUR
THAT I SAW ON
THE FLOOR OF
THE TEST?

WHAT THE HECK
IS GOING ON
HERE?

...ALRIGHT. WELL,
THAT'S ALL
I NEED TO
HEAR FOR NOW.

RIGHT.
SORRY,
PRINCESS.

HEP-



W..WHAT
HAPPENED?
PRINCESS?!

..I DON'T
KNOW.

IT LOOKS
LIKE THINGS
HAVE TAKEN A
STRANGE
TURN.

AT THE MOMENT,
IT LOOKS LIKE
KAISER LOST.



WHAT!?

SCRATCH—

SOMETHING
COMPLICATED
MUST HAVE
HAPPENED.

I WAS GOING TO
GET BAM OUT OF
THERE IF HE LOST
TO KAISER, BUT
THE PLAN FAILED...

PRINCESS...?



WHEW- IT FEELS
LIKE THINGS DIDN'T
GO THE WAY WE
THOUGHT THEY
WOULD. EVAN.

SIGH-

WHAT?

I THINK BAM
IS GOING TO
COME BACK WITH
KAISER'S NAME.

AGH...!!
OH MY...!!

A character wearing a grey hooded cloak is shown from the chest up, looking towards a glowing circular object on the left. The object has a yellow question mark inside. The background is dark with vertical streaks. A speech bubble is above the character's head, and a sound effect is at the bottom.

AM I GOING TO
HAVE TO FOLLOW
HIM RIGHT TO
THE FLOOR
OF DEATH...?

THIS IS
MADDENING.

DING



CONTACT ME.
-MRS. KHUN
MASCHENY-

PRINCESS
MASCHENY?!

FLASH



AH,
HEY.

WHAT MADE
YOU CALL SILLY
LITTLE ME?

HM?
WHERE AM I?

WELL..



T..THERE ISN'T
REALLY A NEED
FOR YOU TO KNOW
THAT, RIGHT?!



HAHAHA

WHY WOULD YOU
SUDDENLY.. JUST
BE LIKE USUAL!!

HAH.. WELL,
ALRIGHT.

IT'S CUTE
SEEING YOU
FLUSTERED.

I'VE ACTUALLY
BEEN A BIT
BORED LATELY.



WOULD YOU
LIKE TO MAKE A
BET WITH ME?
YURI.

!?



MY
YELLOW MAY

FOR YOUR
GREEN APRIL.

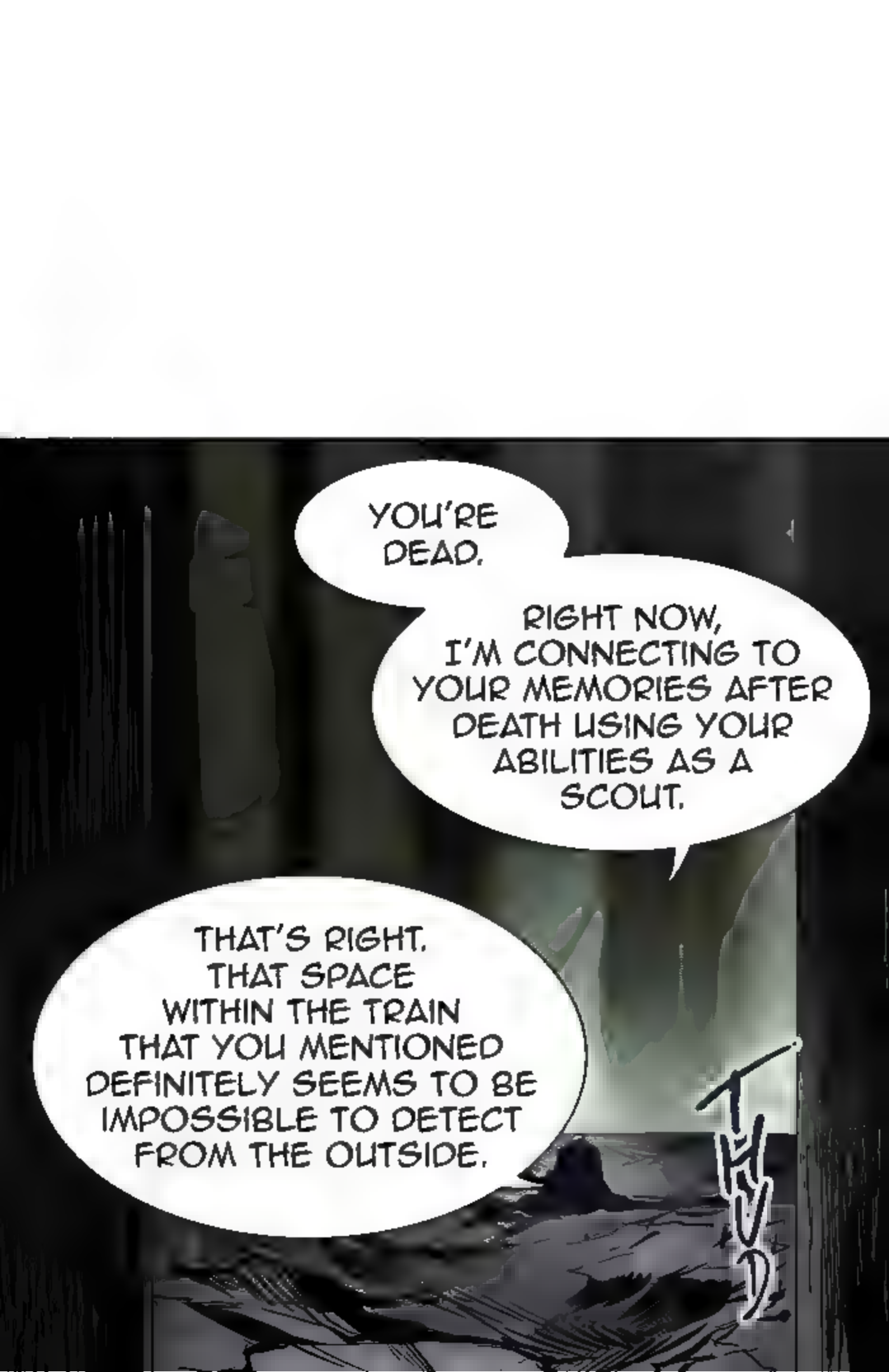


**AT THE SAME
MOMENT**

**ON THE HELL
TRAIN**

ALRIGHT..

**CHIEF
ENGINEER'S
ROOM**



YOU'RE
DEAD.

RIGHT NOW,
I'M CONNECTING TO
YOUR MEMORIES AFTER
DEATH USING YOUR
ABILITIES AS A
SCOUT.

THAT'S RIGHT.
THAT SPACE
WITHIN THE TRAIN
THAT YOU MENTIONED
DEFINITELY SEEMS TO BE
IMPOSSIBLE TO DETECT
FROM THE OUTSIDE.

THE
END



IT'S ALL
THANKS TO
YOU.

THERE'S NO
NEED TO
BE SORRY.

IT'S ONLY A
MATTER OF TIME
UNTIL WHITE IS
REVIVED ANYWAY.





...OH
IS THAT SO?

SO SHE
DID THIS..

A close-up of a metallic, armored face, likely a robot or a character in a suit. The face is dark grey with intricate mechanical details. A single, large, glowing yellow eye is prominent on the right side of the face. The background is dark and indistinct.

YURI
JAHAD...

KRRRRRRRR

IS ON
THE TRAIN
RIGHT NOW..?



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